

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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INDIAN AIRLINES VS PRIVATE AIRLINES
PRABHA RAU

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the incentives offered by the Indian Airlines and other private airlines operating on the domestic sector provided opportunities to more people to travel by air;
- (b) if so, how far the Indian Airlines benefitted by concessional schemes in comparison to the other private airlines;
- (c) whether the bulk of the domestic market share went to the private airlines like Sahara Airlines and Jet Airways; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. In response to market requirements, Indian Airlines introduces Promotional Fares on its domestic network from time to time. Promotional fares have helped in increasing the seat factor of Indian Airlines by 2% & 6% during the month of September & October, 2002 respectively as compared to the corresponding months in the last year. Private airlines i.e. Jet Airways and Sahara Airlines have also offered similar promotional fares and as a result their seat factor has improved in the recent months.

(c):- No, Sir. In the year 2001-02 Indian Airlines had an estimated market share of 47%.

(d):- Does not arise.